

# Horse sale helps locals profit from unwanted stock

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An annual horse sale continued to help benefit tribal members last month as they rounded up stock to be sold.

The tribal range and agriculture department has paired with the OSU extension office for the past five years to help tribal members sell horses that they gather on their portion of the range.

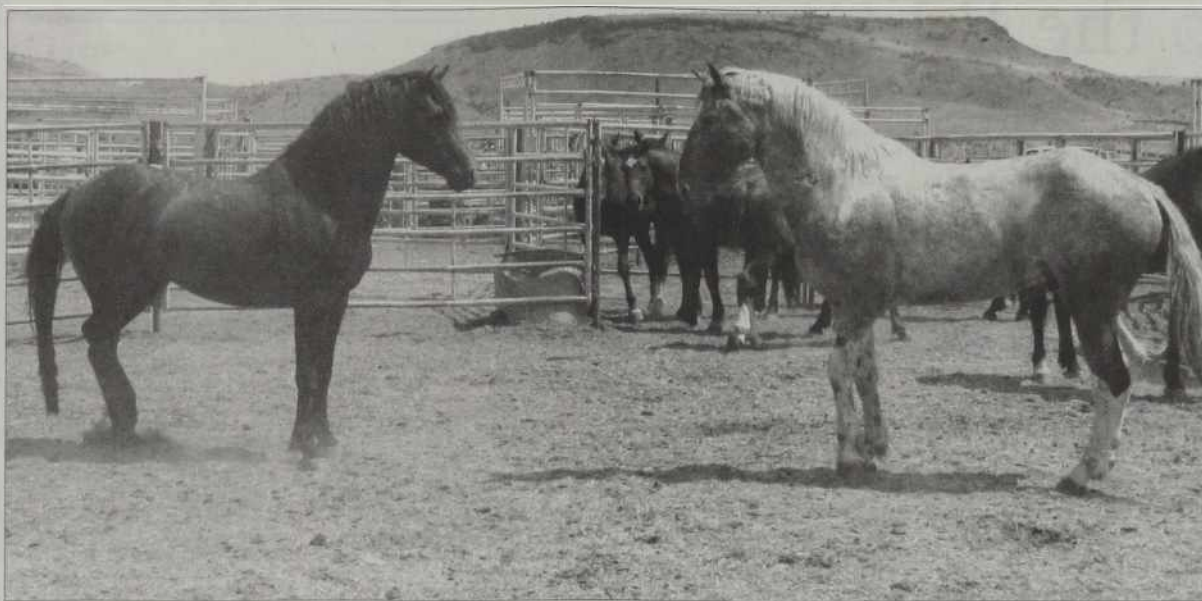
According to Fara Ann Brummer, with the OSU extension office, "The goal of starting the horse sale was to have an avenue for getting horse numbers lowered on the range."

The advantage for tribal members, she said, involves both economic gain as well as range quality improvement.

The first sale has been the biggest thus far, producing 180 horses sold. During the second year the total went down to 100, and the next two sales each produced about 80 sales each.

This year the total moved back up with 141 total sales.

Families typically ride out and



Two stallions square off at the 2007 horse sale. This year marked the fifth annual sale.

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collect horses off of their portions of the range, Brummer explained.

Jason Smith said the horse sale was created strictly to help tribal members.

The horse sale, Smith said, creates an avenue for tribal members

to market their horses on the reservation. Before they would have to use other methods, like an auction house in another community.

The sale also helps create positive opinions about horses from the community, Brummer explained.

"It's a way of also publicizing tribal horses to the public," she said. "There's more of a link as to where it came from."

That type of publicity will also encourage private buyers and create an avenue where marketing is possible, Brummer said.

Before, Smith said, "There was not much interest in our horse owners to really go out and work their stock."

Now it is the horse owners who are reaping the benefits from the horse sale.

"The livestock producers are

the ones rounding up the horses for the sale in their prospective districts," Smith said.

The range is also benefiting from the reduced number of horses, Brummer added.

"Horse numbers have risen dramatically," Brummer said. "Eventually any system gets overloaded."

Because they strive to ensure that the horse numbers don't become unmanageable, Brummer said, the horse sale has been an ideal solution.

Smith agreed, and said, "You can definitely see some of the benefits that it is creating."

While reservation horses are sometimes stereotyped as not necessarily being of high quality, Brummer said, "I think that that misnomer has to be kind of busted through."

With the horse sale, she said, the horses people purchase are able to prove the stereotypes wrong.

In the end, Brummer said, "There's a real opportunity for people to realize, hey, we've got something good here."

## Hunter safety classes at Natural Resources

Hunter safety education classes will be held on July 24, 26 and 31, and August 2 and 3. The 20-hour course is an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife service mandatory requirement for successful completion.

Classes will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. An all-day field day is scheduled for August 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The class is being offered to

all, 12 years and older. The classes will be held at the Department of Natural Resources conference room. Students are to sign up at the Natural Resources, 553-2001.

Any questions, contact Natural Resources or the class instructor Oliver Kirk, 553-2021. Promptness and class attendance is required from the students taking the class.

## Fair livestock auction, BBQ on July 28

The Jefferson County Livestock Association welcomes you to the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale. The sale is at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. The barbecue starts at 2 p.m.

Youth in 4-H and FFA have raised and fitted these high quality animals during the past year and have exhibited them at this year's fair.

You may participate in this sale in a number of ways as a buyer:

You can either buy an animal by yourself, or working together with another individual or business you can buy an animal together.

If you wish to buy the animal for yourself (a fine source of locker meat), here is how it works:

A. Bid until the animal is sold to you, then sign the sale ticket, indicating you want to keep it for personal use. Indicate destination. There are four destina-

tions provided and the Livestock Association will deliver.

B. Pay the price you bid multiplied by the pounds listed in the catalog for the animal times your bid price.

If you wish to support the sale by bidding on an animal of your choice on a resale basis (that is, you do not wish to keep it), here is how it works:

A. Bid until the animal is sold to you, knowing that you can sell immediately to a resale buyer

and pay only the difference between your higher bid and resale price offered by regular market buyers.

For example, a 240-pound hog bid at \$2.50 per pound would resale at \$.46 cents per pound. You would pay \$2.04 per pound for a total of \$489.

B. Sign the sale ticket, marking "Resale" and pay the amount of the difference as your support for the sale.

## Klamath Tribes host Restoration Celebration

The Klamath Tribes will host the 21st Annual Restoration Celebration at Chiloquin on August 24-26.

For general information call 1-800-524-9787.

An Oregon talent show

will kick-off the weekend on Thursday, Aug. 23. For information call Lena Schonchin at (541) 891-2936.

Competition powwow starts on Friday, Aug. 24 and runs thru Sunday Info: 541-783-2219 ext.

160. Powwow vendor information, Dana Inman 783-2219 ext. 111.

The weekend also includes a fun run, barbecue and rodeo.

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## Items for sale to members

The following items are for sale to tribal members for the highest bid.

IBM Selectric typewriters, working condition, minimum bid \$20 each.

Swintec typewriters, non-working lot of 12, minimum bid \$10 for the lot.

IBL Wheel-Writer typewriters, non-working lot of four, minimum bid \$5 for the lot.

IBM Selectric typewriters, non-working lot of eight, minimum bid \$10 for the lot.

Xerox copiers, non-working lot of 12,

minimum bid \$25 for the lot.

Lanier copiers, non-working lot of 3, minimum bid \$15 for the lot.

Canon copiers, non-working, lot of two, minimum bid \$15 for the lot.

Konica copiers, non-working, lot of two, minimum bid \$10 for the lot.

Sharp copier, non-working, minimum bid \$5.

Call tribal Property for information, 553-3295. Bids must be received by July 31, 2007.

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